MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)

TO:

Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE:

February 7, 2006

FROM:

Murray A. Greenberg

County Attorney

SUBJECT:

Resolution instructing

County Manager to evaluate feasibility of converting water treatment plants to alternative

chemicals other than

chlorine

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Senator Javier D. Souto, Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

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	6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
-	4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
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	Budget required
	Statement of fiscal impact required
	Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
	Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
	Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
	No committee review

Approved	Mayor	Agenda Item No. 11(A)(5)	
Veto		2-7-06	
Override			

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EVALUATE THE EXISTING SECURITY AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANTS AND RECOMMEND ANY APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO ENHANCE SECURITY AGAINST CONTAMINATION OR DAMAGE

WHEREAS, contamination of Miami-Dade County's water supply or damage to the County's water treatment system would present a serious danger to human health throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department, in order to meet the great demand for clean water in this County, must employ a variety of means to produce clean water, including various chemicals and processes that warrant continued vigilance because of risks entailed in handling these chemicals and undertaking these processes, including but not limited to the use of chlorine gas; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department has exercised such vigilance in the past and continues to do so through an existing security program; and

WHEREAS, nonetheless, Miami-Dade County's water supply and water treatment system must continue to be carefully guarded against contamination or damage, whether due to natural disaster, human error or terrorist attack; and

WHEREAS, the existing security system enhanced where necessary and appropriate,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby directs the County Manager to evaluate the overall current security program for safeguarding the County's water supply and water treatment system from natural disaster, accidents, and terrorist attack, and said evaluation shall include an analysis of the feasibility of converting the County's

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existing water treatment plants such that these plants utilize chemicals which present a minimal risk to human health if released. The County Manager shall report the results of these evaluations no later than ninety days from the date of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Senator Javier D. Souto, Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and offered by Commissioner who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro Audrey M. Edmonson Sally A. Heyman Dorrin D. Rolle Katy Sorenson Sen. Javier D. Souto

Jose "Pepe" Diaz Carlos A. Gimenez Barbara J. Jordan Natacha Seijas Rebeca Sosa

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of February, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

Dr.

David M. Murray

